

Please add new claims 7-11 as follows:

β² --7. (NEW) The method for wrapping the rubber strip according to claim 1, wherein the length of the space are in a range of 100 mm to 200 mm.

8. (NEW) The method for wrapping the rubber strip according to claim 7, wherein overshoot amounts of the extruded rubber strip is contained within the space.

9. (NEW) A method for wrapping a rubber strip around a forming drum, comprising the steps of:

continuously extruding the rubber strip from an extrusion outlet of an injection device;

continuously supplying the extruded rubber strip directly to a guide roll;

pressing by the guide roll a pressed portion of the rubber strip against the forming drum, the pressed portion and the extrusion outlet being disposed apart from one another at a length defining an empty space therebetween, the continuously supplied, extruded rubber strip occupying the empty space and in contact with only the extrusion outlet and the guide roll;

rotating the forming drum in synchronism with extrusion of the rubber strip so that the guide roll is driven; and

wrapping the rubber strip guided by the guide roll around the rotating forming drum while extruding the rubber strip.

10. (NEW) The method for wrapping the rubber strip according to claim 9, wherein the length of the empty space is in a range of 100 mm to 200 mm.

11. (NEW) The method for wrapping the rubber strip according to claim 10, wherein overshoot amounts of the extruded rubber strip are contained within the empty space.--